research interests of those attracted to the meeting is provided by the sessions into which these papers were organized in the program:

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Symposia

Cell Continuity

Rollin Hotchkiss, Rockefeller Institute, Continuity at the molecular level
Hans Ris, University of Wisconsin, Continuity of cytoplasmic organelles
Tracy Sonneborn, Indiana, The genetic control of cytoplasmic organization

Cell Diversification

Arthur B. Pardee, Princeton University, Diversification of bacteria in different environments
Morgan Harris, University of California, The evolution of somatic cell populations in vitro
F. C. Steward, Cornell University, Totipotency and variation in cultured cells (Some metabolic and morphogenetic manifestations)

Characteristics of Cell Interfaces

George Palade, Rockefeller Institute, The membrane systems of the cytoplasm
H. Passow, University of Hamburg, Membrane structure and ion permeability in red cells
Peter Mitchell, University of Edinburgh, The chemical asymmetry of membrane transport processes
A. D. McLaren, University of California, Effect of pH on reactions at biological interfaces

Contributed Paper Sessions

DNA and related topics (3 sessions)
Cell fine structure (2 sessions)
Cell diversification (3 sessions)
Permeability and related topics
Cell particulates (2 sessions)
Cell-parasite interaction
RNA and related topics
Enzyme location
Mitosis
Chromosome structure; protein synthesis
Cell movement
Cell culture

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